

Costs of 2017 US Weather Disasters Demolish Previous Record

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2017 saw the US scorched by record-breaking wildfires in California, record-breaking rainfall events like Hurricane Harvey in Houston (just one of the three most expensive hurricanes to ever hit the US, which all occurred in 2017), damaging hail events, tornadoes, and extreme droughts that wiped out crops.

These extreme weather events, most of which were fueled at least in part by anthropogenic climate disruption (ACD), cost the US nearly a third of a trillion dollars ([\\$306 billion](#)) over the past year.

That is more money than the US government spent on transportation, housing and community, international affairs, energy and the environment, and science, [combined, in 2015](#).

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